

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF AMENDMENT TO DRAWINGS

Please replace Figures 1 and 1a as originally filed with the enclosed replacement Figures 1 and 1a.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 6 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. Thus, claims 1 and 3-20 are now pending in the present application. The specification has been amended to correct reference numerals, and to replace a comma with a period. Support for replacement of "chart 21" with --chart 22-- may be found in the specification (published US application 20060037458) at page 2, paragraph [0039]. Support for replacement of "cursor sleeve 21" with --cursor sleeve 4-- may be found at page 2, paragraph [0043].

Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in original claim 2, and in the specification at paragraph [0043] which states that "The construction of the slide rule thus allows rotation of the scale/mode cylinder 2 relative to...the outer cylinder 6, and axial movement of the outer cylinder 6 relative to the scale/mode cylinder 2..."; paragraph [0046] which states that "The first window 31 displays the notes contained in any chosen scale, mode or chord. The type of scale, mode or chord is selected by rotating the scale mode cylinder 2, and the key of that scale, mode or chord is selected by sliding the scale/mode cylinder 2 and the key cursor sleeve 4 axially relative to the outer cylinder 6." ; and paragraph [0051] which states that "The first chart 16 (FIG. 9a) displays in linear form the structures of scales, chords and modes. There is a grid...which can be viewed...by rotating the ends of the scale/mode cylinder 2. By pushing or pulling the ends, the scale/mode cylinder 2 can be made to slide backwards or forwards in relation to the outer cylinder 6 so that the scale, chord or interval chosen can be aligned with the notes and/or key of choice."

Thus, no new matter has been added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present objections and rejections in view of the amendments and comments presented herein are respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicants' representatives would like to thank Examiners Chambers and Harvey for the courtesy extended to them during the telephonic interview conducted on September 25, 2007. The substance of the interview is reflected in the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Request for Entry of Drawing Changes

As requested above, please replace Figures 1 and 1a as originally filed with the enclosed replacement Figures 1 and 1a. In replacement Figure 1, reference number 2 has been added to indicate the scale/mode (inner) cylinder. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at page 2, paragraph [0043]. In Figure 1a, reference numbers 21 and 22 have been corrected to recite reference numbers 22 and 23, respectively. Support for these amendments may be found in the sections of the specification described above and in the original drawings. Thus, no new matter has been added, and entry of this drawing change is respectfully requested.

Objection to drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings, stating that the recitation of "directions that are orthogonal" to each other must be shown in the drawings. Claim 1 as amended no longer recites this term. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

Claim objection and Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner objected to claims 1-20, and rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite, based on recitation of "directions that are orthogonal to each other" because it was allegedly unclear as to where the radial movement intersects the axial movement to be orthogonal. Claim 1 as amended no longer recites this term, thus rendering these rejections moot.

In view of the amended drawings and comments presented above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim objection and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If any minor issues remain which could be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to

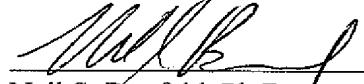
contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

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